

Library benefits from LSTA grant

By Brian Crisan '04

"But I can't finish getting the references for my research paper! Our library is already closed!"

Soon, St. Edward students will not be able to use that excuse anymore. They will be able to access the SEHS library catalog at any time from any computer having internet access. The catalog will be online, just like it is at local public libraries.

This is made possible because of funds from an LSTA Grant (Library Services and Technology Act), benefiting students by upgrading the existing library automation and improving resources used in the library at St. Edward.

Funds amounting to more than \$820,000 have been issued to area schools that are members of the Lakeshore Northeast Ohio Computer Association (LNOCA). St. Edward, a member of LNOCA, will receive a portion of this grant, which will significantly enhance the operation of the library.

The grant money provided will enable the school to revamp several areas of the library. Additional improvements include new barcodes to accommodate the new automation system and new software/equipment purchases of two more computers, one additional laser printer, a new scanner, and a portable barcode reader.

Also, currently available for use by students, is access to INFOhio databases and Gale Student Resource Center Bronze, including search results from over 8,000 biographies, 80 historical essays, literature criticism for more than 1,000 authors, and over 15,000 photos and other graphics. Students just need to ask for the yellow bookmark that indicates the username and password to use from home.

Work for the grant began in January 2002. The grant itself runs from October 1, 2002, to September 31, 2003. By then, all improvements will be up and running.



Two students, Joe Wrabel (background) and Javid Razack (foreground), use the library's current card catalog. Soon the library catalog will be converted from the existing system to INFOhio's internet-based one so that students can access it at school or from home. (Source: Matthew Palascak '03)

Ed Smith interviewed on T.V. Kind students inspire generosity

By Sami El-Dalati '06 and Aseem Garg '06

Student Council President Ed Smith appeared on Adelphia Cable's "In the Spotlight" earlier this month. Smith was one of three area school leaders asked to be on the show. He and others were brought on the show to discuss national and worldwide issues.

The procedure for this show is that one question is asked and each guest has a chance to answer. The first question for Ed Smith was what he thought the main issues on the St. Edward campus were. He responded with an answer that was typical for a senior in high school. His answer was that seniors choosing colleges, as well as a wartime draft, were the big questions that are floating around the campus.

The show then changed its angle and started taking questions on international topics. The questions focused on Osama Bin Laden and George W. Bush's

failure to find him. Smith was asked why he thought American Intelligence was having a hard time finding Bin Laden. His response was that Afghanistan is in a mountainous region, with lots of good hiding places and easily accessible border crossing. He added that America should take some of their focus off Bin Laden and put more of it on North Korea, since they have stated that they now have nuclear technology.

The next question that Smith was asked hit closer to home. He was asked his opinion on school vouchers. He said that school vouchers are a good thing and that U.S. citizens should have the opportunity to go to Catholic schools, if it meant that they would receive a better education.

Smith was later asked if he knew any teenage parents at St. Edward, and why he thought there were so many teenage pregnancies. He said that he did know of a

few teenage fathers, and he attributed pregnancies in part to the media and the type of entertainment available to student audiences. Smith was also asked whether he thought hip-hop/rap music is good or bad, and he replied by saying that he personally enjoys listening to Eminem. He also said that if you like listening to hip-hop or rap, you have to accept the abuse it brings, because "it comes with the package."

The last question asked to Ed Smith was whether he enjoyed living in Cleveland, and, after he had finished college, if he would come back. He said that he likes Cleveland and is likely to return after college.

The edition of "In The Spotlight," that includes footage from Ed Smith is currently playing on Adelphia Cable, channel 15, every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

By Nick Casey '03

On November 19, a West Park woman with no connection to the school, and of modest wealth, presented a \$50,000 check to St. Edward High School.

The woman, whose name has not been released, said that she knew St. Ed's had excellent sports teams but was more impressed by the students she met on the bus. Over many years of riding the bus, she found the St. Edward students that she met to be clean cut, very polite, and respectful. They had let her get on the bus first and even helped her with her groceries. It was the courteous St. Edward students that she encountered who inspired her generosity.

St. Edward High School will use this woman's donation to establish a special scholarship fund. Each year the fund will provide \$2,500 of need-based tuition assistance for five students.

"This woman's donation should be a reminder to all students that they represent St. Edward High School at all times and that people are watching their behavior," said Mr. Becks, who continued, saying, "This woman appreciated how she was treated and made a very generous donation. The next person you meet may do the same."

"If she had met just one student who was rude or obnoxious, then she never would have made this donation. That's a credit to generations of St. Edward students," added Mr. Lazos.

Field of Dreams to become a reality

By Nick Casey '03

On December 14, at half time of the St. Edward High School versus Toledo St. John basketball game, St. Edward President Br. Peter Graham, C.S.C., officially announced plans for the Alumni Sports Complex which is to be located in the rear of the school. The initial cost estimate for the construction is \$2 million, with groundbreaking planned for next year. According to Athletic Director, Mr. Paul Michalko, "When completed, this facility will be a premier sports complex, the best facility in Northeast Ohio."

The new state-of-the-art sports complex will be a significant upgrade from the current facilities. It will include an all-purpose artificial turf athletic field and a 8-lane all-weather track, which con-

trary to the drawings pictured around the school, will be black, not orange. The field will incorporate the latest technology and best features of artificial surfaces to reduce injuries and provide a safe environment for students. The turf to be used is unique in that it will actually be synthetic grass rather than the traditional carpet. It was developed several years ago and was first used by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, but it has gone on to be used by other pro-sports teams and various high schools. Surrounding the track and field will be seating for more than 1,500 spectators and lighting to allow use of the field in the evening. Plans also call for storage facilities, a concession area, and an electronic scoreboard.

The new facilities will provide a venue for a host of activities, including track and field, cross country, soccer, football, rugby, gym classes, marching band, and the intramurals, CYO sporting events and summer sports camps, alumni events, and just about anything else that can be imagined.

Construction will take about sixty days but will not begin until all of the money has been raised. Ongoing capital campaigns include the Chapel and the Joseph and Helen Lowe Center for Pre-Engineering. However, the Alumni Sports Complex will be utilized by the football team. Therefore, it is expected that the necessary funds will be secured rather quickly.

Cheers and Jeers

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Cheers to a well deserved two-week vacation.

Jeers to homelessness. Nobody should have to endure the cold streets in this, or any season.

Cheers to Christmas goose. Yum...goose.

Jeers to Timmy Couch. Thanks for the hopes of a *great* season.

Cheers to plum colored shirts. Are you secure enough to wear one?

Jeers to Beaumont dance chaperones making room for the Holy Spirit.

Cheers to combos. Only in America could one enjoy a delicious pizza flavored paste in a nifty pretzle ring.

Jeers to college rejections. It's their loss anyway.

Cheers to presents. Remember your manners when accepting them.

Jeers to those who impugn Trent Lott. Stop reading into things.

Cheers to Santa Claus. We wish there were a school that taught people how to become a jolly fat man.

Jeers to having no snow days. If we have to suffer the intense cold and bad traffic of winter, why can't we suffer it in the comfort of our own homes? The hardest work I want to do on a cold day is dust off the old satellite dish and fire up the hot tub.

Cheers to 25-minute classes. We need that kind of schedule regularly.

Jeers to a lack of seniors sending in wishes. How can Santa deliver if you don't tell him what you want?

Cheers to the Latin students for keeping up their hard work despite the imminent approach of Christmas break. (Mr. Cavoli and Mr. Lazos are impressed.)

Jeers to fruitcake. What is it anyway?

Cheers to little homework over the break. Thanks for letting it be what it is, Christmas *Break*.

Jeers to the passage of time, each minute gone is one less for Sen. Strom Thurmond. Happy Birthday, Buddy. (But, don't pat him on the back, he might fall apart.)

Cheers to fun games in the *Edsman*. It's not Vegas, but at least it's entertainment.

Jeers to snooty hotel employees. Homeless people have to pee too!

Cheers to Look Ma, New Hands (a hand lotion), for your holiday chafing (in case opening those gifts becomes too intense).

Jeers to razor burn. No matter when, no matter where, it is BAD.

Cheers to Al Gore's home cookin' at the "Al Gore Family Restaurant." Hail to the chef!

Jeers to pesky hot sisters. Let me tell you, nothing is worse than a hot sister.

FROM THE EDITOR...

Edsman changes policy

By Matthew Palascak '03

It is already the holiday season and the traditional holiday issue of *The Edsman* includes many precedents and new ideas. There finally is a letter to the editor in response to a published jeer.

This eight-page paper features the senior wish list and a new section for underclassmen responses.

In order to publish a letter not written by a student, a new policy decision was needed. It was agreed that faculty members could submit their opinions for possible publication in *The Edsman*. Past volumes sometimes featured faculty letters despite the fact that these letters contained opinions that did not relate to the school. In order to prevent faculty opinions dominating the student newspaper, a policy decision was made to not allow faculty

opinions. However, the decision to allow this letter from a faculty member should prompt more opinions not only from faculty but also from students. Faculty members may now submit their opinions to *The Edsman* although they will not have preference over student material. Students are encouraged to submit their opinions, if they have any, about a specific issue or article.

The policy decision should create more input from faculty and from students. Any letter may be edited for content and length and must be signed by the author even though he or she may request his or her name to be anonymous.

The senior wish lists again have been published. Traditionally, seniors submit two wishes for publication although

each wish is thoroughly inspected for content. Many responses were censored due to a possible double meaning created by the diction.

Another feature in this issue is the New Year's Resolutions. They were created so that underclassmen (and faculty) could have their response printed in the paper. An extra page of opinions and features was added to complete the holiday special. There is a holiday word search and a great number of cheers and jeers to complete the special features for the holiday edition.

On behalf of both the staff and moderators of *The Edsman*, We hope that all have a joyful holiday and an excellent winter break.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR...

Published jeer found offensive

I enjoy reading *The Edsman*, and I was particularly look forward to reading the Cheers and Jeers section in every issue. However, I was disappointed by the inclusion of the jeer to SECHOR. The jeer stated that "Elitism doesn't breed diversity."

While I understand that the Cheers and Jeers section is supposed to be humorous, I do not appreciate the disregard for accuracy. The implication of the jeer is that SECHOR is an elitist group. In reality, every student in the school has been invited to join the organization. We have made announcements during homeroom, welcoming all interested students to

our meetings.

It saddens me to think that one

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organization in the school would demon-

strate disrespect for another organization. In general, I wish that students here at St. Edward would do more to support one another's efforts. Perhaps more football players could attend the plays, more wrestlers could attend the swim meets, and more swimmers could attend the hockey games. We should be united.

The next SECHOR meeting will be held on January 7, at 3:10, in room 125. All are welcome.

Mrs. Cindy S. Hruby

FROM THE EDITORS . . .

Elitism can be other things

The editors of the *Edsman* appreciate the input on the Cheers and Jeers from the last issue. We believe, however, that the Jeer in question, "Cheers to SECHOR. Elitism doesn't breed diversity," was taken the wrong way. When we wrote that jeer, it was not with the intention of tearing down another activity, but to make a point.

The point of the jeer we intended was that even though people are invited, people don't go. Everyone can't do every activity in the school. During meetings, SECHOR attains enlightenment on how to stop discrimination in the school, but SECHOR doesn't seem to share much of

this information with the student body.

Mrs. Hruby makes the point that we should all support the individual activ-

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ities in the school, and we agree. As we are sure Mrs. Hruby knows, there are different

ways of supporting activities.

It would be unworkable for people to go to every football or hockey game, and just down-right boring for people to show up to a debate round or to watch the *Edsman* being put together.

The way we support each other is by hearing about each other's successes and then encouraging people to continue to succeed. We need to hear about the work of a group before we can encourage the group.

We would like to be a part of getting the word out, and we will send a reporter to the next meeting in January.

Christmas Common Sense Lesson

By Nick D'Amico '03

In anticipation of Christmas, this week's common sense lesson will help us all to catch up on our manners when opening presents. Its important to act gracious when receiving gifts, even if it's a gift you don't like. Merry Christmas and hope the lesson is helpful.

How to Receive Presents

1. When someone gives you a present, look them in the eye.
2. Say, "Thank You! You shouldn't

have," even if they really should have.

3. Tear open the wrapping paper and look at what you have. If it is something you like go to #4. If it is something you don't like go to #5.

4. Say "Thank you! I love the gift. I really needed (insert gift's name here)!"

5. Say "Wow! It's great! I really needed (insert gift's name here). Is there a receipt for this anywhere.

And where did you get it?"

6. Avoid saying things you may be thinking like "This looks like it cost 2 cents," or "Wow, this is a piece of (deleted expletive)," and "Yeah, pogs are still cool. Not."

7. If no receipt exists, inquire into whether there is someone else who wanted your worthless gift and to whom you can regift.



"Son, let me ask you this: Would you rather I lie and say that I *didn't* run him over with the car and that he's *not* dead? Call me crazy, but I just figured you'd like to know *ahead of time* why you won't be getting any gifts this year. Say, does the star look crooked from where you're standing? The darn thing is so wobbly." (Source: Ryan Nemeth '03)

SEHS ought to focus on humanities

By Darren Patrick '03

St. Edward High School has been my home for almost four years. My decision to attend St. Edward was based on its reputation for a strong academic tradition coupled with the unique sense of school pride that generally avoids the sort of haughtiness that tends to define other religious high schools in Northeast Ohio. This distinctive combination presented the image of a school committed to academic development, athletic prowess, and artistic prominence in an even balance. Upon enrolling at St. Edward, I found that the "AAA" image was no accident. Indeed, through endeavors like the SAC, The Jack Kahl Student Life & Leadership Center, the Pre-Engineering program, renovation of the art rooms, reinvention of the schedule, plans for a "Field of Dreams," and, most recently, preliminary plans for The Joseph and Helen Lowe Pre-Engineering and Technology Center the school has demonstrated its propensity for change and its openness to new pathways for success. However, there is something conspicuously lacking in this scheme of reinvention: Liberal Arts.

I can certainly appreciate that the school has taken upon itself the challenge of integrating a rigorous and one-of-a-kind emphasis on engineering into its curricu-

lum. Since engineering is such a burgeoning field of study, the school's attempt to be on the cutting edge of secondary school engineering programs in this region is both logical and beneficial for the students. But there are those who will not benefit from this program and I fear that students who have more interest in philosophy, sociology, international history, politics, economics, and the other liberal arts will become increasingly disillusioned by the linearity of the school's evolution.

Granted, we do not have the staff to warrant a massive overhaul of the social sciences department; we cannot offer comprehensive liberal arts education; and all of the developmental plans for the school are positive. However, if the administration and development teams at the school do not begin reaching out to students with a myriad of non-mathematic interests, St. Edward will begin to resemble an intensely specialized institution as opposed to a comprehensive college preparatory high school. Though these developments in engineering are positive for career training and integrated programs with other schools, so too would an extended effort to create legitimate courses like AP European History, Introduction to Philosophy, Sociology, or Economics. It is true that the

school made an effort to integrate a broader choice of electives into the social studies curriculum, but, the fact is, courses like philosophy or economics cannot be taught in one term and many of the courses faded quickly due to sundry problems. By developing a humanities based program from the top down, as opposed to starting with the students, interest in new courses of study can be cultivated, as opposed to relying upon prior interest in areas that many students have little exposure to until college.

I must congratulate the school on its attempts to develop a pre-engineering program unique to northeast Ohio. Though, in the same breath, I express deep concern that, by so intensely focusing on one area of study, the academic environment begins to become unbalanced and can start to tarnish the well-rounded image that attracts so many top students. Conclusively, I hope that the years to come will bring success to all SEHS programs in addition to innovative approaches for developing a humanities based program that, with little negative systemic impact, can bring great benefit to the students and to the St. Edward community.

Cheers and Jeers

CONTINUED . .

Cheers to holiday nog. In moderation all things are good.

Jeers to Martha Stewart. How could someone be so warm and talented on the small screen and yet so truly diabolical? Well, at least the inmates on cellblock 6D will have nicely coordinated taupe color schemes in their cells and frilly hand-made accessories in their prison-size haberdasheries.

Cheers to NMD. My Schwartz is bigger than your Schwartz.

Jeers to stale Christmas cookies.

Cheers to bright paper packages tied up with string. This is just *one* of my favorite things.

Jeers to sleet. Is it freezing? Is it rain? Is it freezing rain? What is with this, people?

Cheers to the great triad (Emerson, Thoreau, and Whitman). What brings them all together? You're a quickdraw, a Velcro, and a connection away.

Jeers to crazy stripes. I prefer neckwear without a psychiatric history.

Cheers to holiday claymation specials. They might be old, but they are outrageously entertaining.

Jeers to procrastination. (Come up with pithy comment later.)

Cheers to "Excuse me, sir!" How else are you to grab the attention of a fellow gentleman.

Jeers to standardized testing. When will the madness end?

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WISH LISTS

Seniors want privileges, graduation ...

Charlie Agozzino: My driver's license or for someone to return my Huffy QXZ 4796, please; to clear my name as "The Stalker" and a loud roar of applause.

Joe Amato: Spend more time with my old friend Jack

Ryan Amos: An adobe, my bike back and for everyone to remember the Alamo on Christmas; 63 eyepatches.

Pete Antoske: Sideburns; a Green Card for my friend and also one last visit from Lloyd Alexander.

Sam Awad: Big muscles so I can beat up Lang and Koz.

Drew Barendt: The return of Matt Yankow's dance lessons.

Alex Beifus: I wish I had a St. Edward Driving t-shirt; I wish the person who stole the pictures that I put up to decorate my math class would return them to me so that the class would look a lot cheerier. Returning them would be the right thing to do.

Lou Belloumini: Homemade cross-country tee-shirts back; Mr. Wanner's name to be printed on the Kairos retreat list.

James Bittel: An A in physics; facial hair.

Matt Brain: Glitter soundtrack.

Kyle Braun: I wish I had \$2600, \$1300 for me and \$1300 for my partner in, UM . . . fun.

Mike Burger: Mr. Ken Fischer for President! To have everyone at St. Eds figure out my first name. It's Mushambo!!

Pat Burtch: For graduation to be moved to December 20.

Nelson Canario: Mugwamps intramural championship; for the SEHS band.

Dan Carleton: For Nick to get mail; that my cousin Celine invites me to live in her ridiculously huge castle.

Jim Coleman: For the long awaited return of *Hey Dude!* and *Salute Your Shorts*; senior privileges . . . every other school has them.

Matt Crockett: Full contact intramural rugby.

Nick D'Amico: For mail and to go to college for free.

Charlie Djordjevic: To meet Max Plank.

Conor Donelon: A 2002 - 2003 varsity basketball championship; senior privileges.

Zack Douglas: 151 days of summer; for my friends not to get kicked out of school anymore.

Helmut Drews: For a Green Card with the bonus of a Social Security number.

Bashir Faddoul: I wish I had less homework! I wish my coil pot/vase that I made sophomore year in Mrs. King's art class would be found!

Mike Faddoul: Senior privileges . . . sometime before May! World Peace.

Tom Fahey: All you can eat lunch room; to be skinny . . . never mind, more food.

Brian Fischer: So that students realize I don't care what my father says or does to them! Tell your stories to him or keep them to yourself!

Don Folino: I wish for more snow days; I wish the West Park Browns get honored with a varsity letter.

Tom Forkapa: I wish that the US Capitol be switched to West Park; I wish that all Canadians be captured at the US border.

Tyler Frimel: That everyone gets more mail, Yea! That everyone receives a high velocity cracker launcher.

Doug Gaking: Better researched journalism; second place at states.

Elliot Gale: To get Bernie Kosar back as the Browns quarterback.

Travis Gannon: Dollar day, everyday; the year to be over.

Craig Gary: Entrance to the US Merchant Marine Academy, class of 2007; a passenger side mirror for the Micromachine.

Louis Gattozzi: For Sam's good hospitality, and generous hook-ups; For all the Shockers out there to reign supreme.

Mick Gaul: To bring the CYO St. Mark's Lions to win at least one game. Anything's better than last season, 0 - 10.

Colin Ginley: For Marvin Stotz to come back for one last demo of the TI-92 and for Coach Lev. to bring us an original hamburger from Hamburg Buffalo; for the Cavs

to sing John "Hot Rod" Williams, for the Indians to sign Alvaro Espinoza, and the Browns to sign Tommy "Touchdown" Vardall, and that every Cleveland fan will be happy.

Mike Greco: For everyone to have a Merry Christmas; for April to come ASAP.

John Greco: I wish the caf. sold chicken wings with hot sauce.

Miro Grgurevic: Have a lecture on how Spanish people are from Spain and not from Mexico; talk about Spanish dominance in America.

John Gubanich: Sideburns; no ties or polo shirts.

Timothy Gulling: Athletic ability would have been helpful the last four years.

Chris Guska: For further demeaning and condescending leaflets on how to demonstrate basic manners and courtesies that we should have learned in kindergarten; for the newsmedia of the world, both locally and nationally, to focus upon reporting facts and writing complete stories, rather than speculative, opinion filled-commentaries that cause international or domestic unrest and unneeded problems for community leaders, as well as do an injustice to the truth they strive to disseminate.

Dan Hawk: A glorious return of the mullets; A Ford or Chevy - Be American, buy American.

Neal Heinrich: A couple hundred lottery tickets or a big ole bag of cash. Gotta get money for college from somewhere.

Kyle Horton: For the West Park Thugs to win all of the intramural championships;

Andrew Jarmosuk: 12th grade privileges; More dollar days in the caf.

Rory Jeffers: Ben Miller's Blazer "X," because I heard it was for sale.

Johnny Kanaan: That my cross country shirt is given back to me.

Colin Keane: That everyone gets accepted into the colleges they applied to; that Navy beats Army next year!

Gavin Keenan: That my idols, NBA greats Vinny Del Negro and Bill Wennington get jobs; that Coach Lev

would realize that Buffalo is the dirtiest city in America.

Samer Khouri: My side burns back.

Todd Kirwan: Someone who knows where my lacrosse helmet is!

Matt Knox: A new BMW to replace the current one that exists only in my mind; another vacation to Manhattan, the best island in the world!

Ryan Lang: For Tim Scarl and I to actually have the opportunity finally to be admitted into the Eagles' Nest . . . Charlie, what are you doing tonight? Fourth chapter to my book.

Michael Laudi: Senior Smith's sideburn trimmer.

Kevin Manley: A driver's license; a large piece of meat to keep the football players at bay.

Tim Maruna: A new car; senior privileges.

Andrew Mazur: Differential multi-variable calculus equations; an infinite probability drive.

Joe Mazzone: Mia St. John; a snow day.

Jim McClain: Breakdancing lessons; an eyepatch.

Greg McDade: That I can accomplish my goals today, tomorrow, and well into the future; for all of us to get along. Why can't we all get along?

Conor McGuirk: For Coach Lev to bring back the mustache.

Joseph Medve: To get the new Bone, P-Diddy, Dave Matthews, Creed, Papa Roach, Blink 182, Twisted Sister Best of, Cher Best of, The 8 Mile Soundtrack, Celine Deon Remix, Ratt, and all other CDs that cool kids get.

Justin Miller: Skinnier ankles . . . cankles suck.

Ben Miller: Blazer "X" is for sale?! Yeah Right!

Chris Moran: A new sweater; another new sweater.

Ryan Nemeth: I know this is a bit far-fetched, because not many people get to meet their famous rock-star heroes, but if I had one wish, I'd like to meet the cute guy from 12:02. Sigh . . . he probably has so many fans that he wouldn't even notice me. I think I should be a little less awesome, just to be fair.

Pat Norman: A shiny new Volvo that works; to be on time for once in my life.

Matthew Palascak: To have a successful conclusion to *The Edsman*; a trip to France.

Darren Patrick: For a replacement vehicle to take Lady Margaret's place . . . spare the window cracks, wobbling wheel, bad brakes, collapsing ceiling and broken radio; my very own abandoned machine shop.

Jack Patton: Coach Zervas back; to be locker buddies with star quarterback Shaun Carney.

Dan Petro: The return of *MacGiver* to primetime; new Nike Sharks.

Brooks Prumo: To score one for physics.

Kevin Quinn: Taco snack and Dollar Day on different days

Adam Ramsey: I wish for the health and happiness of Club Lipid.

Daniel Rawlings: A safety deep with 18 seconds left in a game.

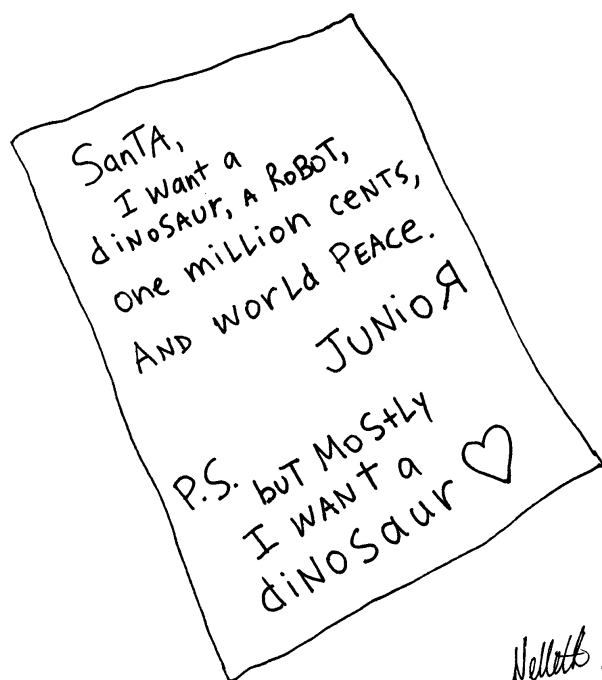
Bill Ready: A lifetime supply of Nads.

Brad Reed: Some musical talent; an intramural championship.

Stephen Reeves: A new pair of leather boots; a nice quaint cliff-side property.

Emanuel Rivera: First great Puerto Rican golfer; more taco days for lunch.

Nicholas Roffey: I wish I had a bigger back yard. I wish I had AP computer study hall all year. Oh wait . . .



Matt Russell: For Hawk to re-grow his mullet; for Quinn to stop cheating at cards . . . I know you are.

Tim Scarl: Being able to leave early if we have study halls and during lunch; senior privileges!

Jaime Sabogal: Senior privileges; get into a good college.

Steven Schmidt: Senior privileges.

Steven Schuerger: More hair; the pants-skirt-shirt combo.

Erik Schulte: For Mr. Gill's Cleveland Brown's sweater; That Lebron James is never heard of again!

Eric Sefchik: For more roof jobs and Hamburger Helpers and to keep Peter and OB as lineys for a whole season; more coaches with Coach Lev.

Scott Sevier: To have girls come to St.

Edward for the rest of senior year; to win another hockey state championship.

Michael Sliter: Polar bear pajamas with footies and cap; bionic knee with increased jumping and running capacity.

Charles Sroka: Senor Smith's Real Madrid jersey; pierogies and kielbasa or a Mr. Hitsman joke book.

Eric Stauber: A cowbell for Bessie; prosperity for Club Lipid. Slowly but surely we are taking over.

Kyle Strozewski: To be rescued from the evil corruption of literature from the likes of Emerson and Whitman and for the re-emergence of the ban on books (*The Scarlet Letter* and *Jane Eyre*); a new track for the track team. Yes, we do have a track team that runs.

Dan Surtz: To retake my favorite class,

Pop Culture.

Christian Sweeney: Some new bowling shoe jokes. You guys really need to work on your material.

John Tanzer: A 426 Hemi crate motor for the 'Cuda; a bigger garage.

Ben Tepfenhart: A cross country shirt; money for repairs for the Tempo.

Brandon Vulpitta: Pajama pants; all my things that have been borrowed and not returned.

Cameron Watts: Ben Miller's Blazer "X".

Christopher Werner: A car that really works; a suave haircut.

Robert Wilber: More interruptions in class – at least we are paying attention; more efficient voting registration.

Timothy Zalecki: That St. Edward final-

ly goes co-ed; bring back Zervas!

Evan Zaletel: For the return of our cross country t-shirts; acceptance to Wake Forest

Chris Zwick: The eternal glorification and immortalization of Walt Whitman in a national shrine on the Mall in Washington, DC containing millions of "quick draws" and mandalas . . . Some velcro would be cool too; A heroic return to rugby glory Aquila!

Editor's note: Responses have been edited for content and errors. The Edsman had reserved the right to edit, censor, or withhold any submitted senior wish.



New Year's Resolutions

In an effort to include more student responses in the newspaper, *The Edsman* is featuring junior, sophomore, and freshman New Year's Resolutions. All underclassmen (and some faculty members) were given the opportunity to respond, and those submitted are here. Names have been withheld to protect the privacy of the students.

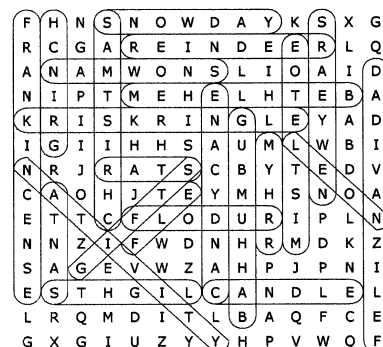
- To bring up my grades and to keep my current relationship with m girl-friend.
- Try to get a 3.1 GPA
- To get a job so I can stop asking for money.
- To lose weight.
- To work hard in school and to make the varsity baseball team.
- To receive a 3.0 GPA for the third term.
- To live in the same place for more than 6 months at a time.
- To not play calculator games in Brother Guy's class.
- To get all "A's" in school
- To read thirty-six books.
- To stop counting vacation days, so I can claim that "I didn't know I had to go back on Monday."
- To get a job.
- To get a lot more sleep.

- To earn more money from the custodial occupation at the St. Edward community.
- To stick to what I say and to keep promises, and be there for friends and family.
- No knee surgeries in 2003.
- Drink more slushies and eat more tacos; and to become better at life.
- For my intramural basketball team, TBD, to defeat the West Park Thugs in the championship game of the intramural league.
- To be there for Bill whenever he is about to tear his ACL.
- To be kind to all people, even if I don't like them.
- To stay above 3.0 GPA
- Not to go bowling the night before a wrestling match and to be a better person to my family.
- To stop making fun of Mr. Corrigan's pink and purple shirts.
- To eliminate any further *idea* of the senior wish list in future volumes.
- To get a job and save up
- To think before I let the voices in my head talk to you.
- To pass Algebra 1
- To stop trying to chase and catch the turkey in Lakewood.
- Not to work too hard.

- Never to roll around in snow when wearing only white underpants again.
- Never to never use a Microsoft product.
- To stop pretending I don't see Dan Hawk when he says hello to me in the halls.

- To lose 20 pounds and to stop riding on top of cars.
- So that my chomp will be better than ever, even Jimmy Mal and Russ Sinkewich.

Holiday puzzle solution



Homeless on the streets of Cleveland

By Ed McGlynn '04

Last week Mr. Reiling and fourteen SEHS juniors and seniors went on an overnight outing, in downtown Cleveland, to simulate a day of homelessness. We were asked to bring four dollars in change, to dress in ragged, beat-up clothing, and to carry all our necessary belongings around in a bag with us everywhere we went. The purpose of this trip was to learn what living on the streets of Cleveland is like.

After school on Thursday the 12th we took the 326 bus to the Ohio City neighborhood. We ate free meals at

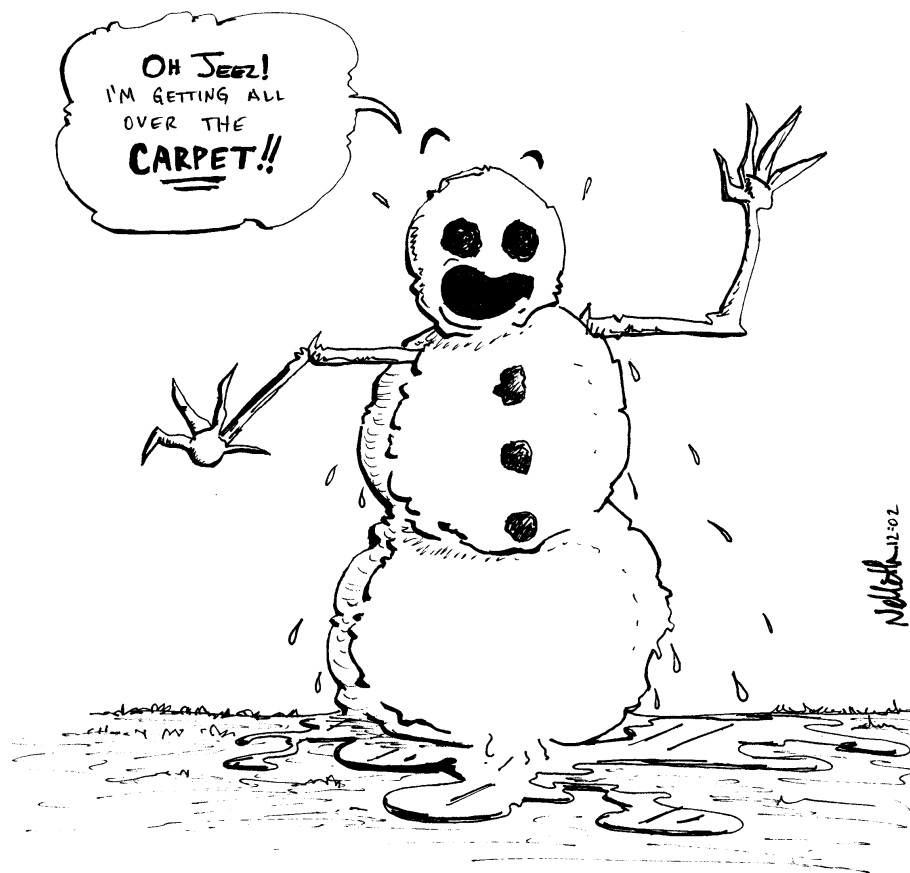
hunger centers for the homeless, including the Franklin Circle Christian Church, the West Side Catholic Center and St. Herman's House of Hospitality. We visited downtown spots like The Flats, Public Square, Tower City, and several other sites.

During our visits to hunger centers and shelters we sampled homelessness first-hand. While there, we took an intimate look at the face of poverty. We were able to talk and eat with the homeless citizens of Cleveland. I was surprised by the

kindness and hospitality shown by most of these people. "I met better people today than I would have on any regular day," said junior Rob Parkinson, reflecting back on the day's events. "I felt a sense of camaraderie and love among these people," senior Charlie Djordjevic mentioned. "I have strong feelings of guilt, because we have so much and they have so little," admitted junior Nick McCann.

Most of our time was spent looking for a good place to sit, attempting to ride the elevators to the top of the BP

building, playing homeless-themed board games, panhandling, getting kicked out of hotels, engaging in political argument, and walking. At about two p.m. on Friday we took the 326 bus back home. As a result of this trip I now have much more respect for the less fortunate, and I know my way around downtown Cleveland. I went home from this trip knowing that I had learned much more on this day of "homelessness" than I would have in any day at school.



Holiday Word Search

By Matthew Palascak '03

The following words are scrambled in the puzzle. Words may appear horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forwards, and backwards. The solution to the puzzle appears on page five. Good luck!

Bah Humbug
Bethlehem
Candle
Candy cane

Christmas
Elf
Feliz Navidad
Frankincense
Gifts
Grinch
Kris Kringle
Lights
Mistletoe
Myrrh

Nativity
New Years
Noel
Reindeer
Rudolf
Santa
Snow day
Snow man
St. Nicholas
Star

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Lots of games to choose from this season

By Patrick Burch '03

As the holiday season comes upon us, the three top video game consoles: Sony Playstation 2, Microsoft Xbox, and Nintendo GameCube are all releasing many top-notch games that will be sure to delight fans of any genre. With so many games to choose from, and so many features being included in each game, any video game fan will find it difficult to narrow their choices down to just a few games. While many games are coming out, not all may be worth your hard-earned money. Here are some top choices that are sure to leave you satisfied with your purchase.

With all three video game consoles being so popular and having such outstanding sales, many game developers opt to create a game for all three systems. Many of these games have been top sellers in the past or would appeal to a very wide audience. For sports fans, Electronic Arts

has produced every single game in their lineup for all three systems. The popular EA Sports games, including Madden NFL 2003, NBA Live 2003, and NHL 2003, are always very solid choices that can be enjoyed by any sports fan. However, Electronic Arts receives good competition this year from Sega Sports. Sega will also be producing all of their sports games for all three systems, and reviews have been very favorable for NFL 2K3, NBA 2K3, and NHL 2K3. For fans that want more simulation style sports games, Sega's 2K series is the way to go. If, on the other hand, you were looking for more of an action-packed game, EA Sports would suit you well. In addition, Midway's sports lineup features very entertaining, albeit unrealistic, sports games, such as NHL Hitz 2003 or MLB Slugfest 2003.

If sports games are not your favorite, many other companies are making

action/adventure games for all three systems. Electronic Arts' 007 Nightfire is entertaining and has received very good reviews. It is being hailed as a true follow-up to the outstanding Goldeneye game, as well as the best Bond game made since. Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers game is also a good choice. Fans of the movie, as well as fans of action/adventure games, will be sure to enjoy it.

Racing fans also have plenty of great games to turn to this holiday season thanks to Electronic Arts. They have produced three outstanding games in Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit 2, Nascar Thunder 2003, and F1 2002. Need for Speed allows players to race some of the fastest cars in production today, as well as playing cop and catching speeders. Nascar Thunder 2003 and F1 2002 are made for fans of auto racing and allow players to make the game either very realistic or very arcade-

like with no rules. Any of these three games is a solid choice.

Many other great games have been made for individual consoles. Nintendo has arguably produced the finest batch of first-party games for their GameCube. Using all of their beloved characters, Nintendo has made several great games. Super Mario Sunshine and Metroid Prime are considered to be two of the year's best games. Starfox Adventures and Mario Party 4 have also received very good reviews. With The Legend of Zelda arriving in early March, Nintendo has successfully brought their characters to the GameCube. Playstation 2 has perhaps the most popular game out in Grand Theft Auto: Vice City. Xbox also comes in strong with Unreal: Championship and MechAssault. No matter what console you own, there are sure to be many great games for you to ask Santa for.

X-Box, Gamecube, or PS2?

By Miro Gregurevic '03

As Christmas approaches, video games are often on the minds of students. Here are the lists of how the three consoles, X-Box, Gamecube, and Playstation 2 are all doing. The well-deserved leader is PS2. With sensational video games and a large variety to choose from, this is by far the first pick over Xbox and Gamecube. The dominance is reflected in sales, as the PS2 is substantially ahead of both Xbox and Gamecube. Here is a little information about the three systems and a final outcome of what you should buy.

Xbox is doing quite well. With slightly more Xboxes sold than Gamecubes, and with a few more games out as well, Xbox is a machine that has a future. Doom III is looking extremely promising with its fluid game play, brutal graphics, and point-less killing.

This console is no less than a super computer. Xbox is DVD compatible and has graphics far ahead of PS2 and slightly better than Gamecube. Xbox also has support of most major third-party development publishers, such as Capcom, Sega, and Tecmo. Xbox is without a doubt a monster and, to take it even further, just look at their online games.

However, Xbox unfortunately has many faults to it. First off the system is incredibly bulky and hard to carry to your

friend's house. The controller is the most pathetic creation. One gets a hand ache just thinking about its odd shape and large size. Xbox's loading times trail Gamecube's, but are slightly faster than PS2's. Overall, Xbox is a no go. It's just inferior to PS2.

The next system is the PS2. Without a doubt it is the best system to choose from at the moment, with its enormous library and even more third-party support than Xbox. PS2 not only has the most games, but also has outstanding ones like Grand Theft Auto 3, Grand Turismo, Metal Gear Solid, Tekken 4, and even some old school Nintendo games like Shin obi and Ninja Gaiden.

PS2 even has a simpler and more diverse on-line plan than Xbox or Gamecube. PS2 is easier to carry to your friend's house than an Xbox but it is not as small as a Gamecube. PS2 also has great controls. If you are extremely impatient though, you might get turned off by the long loading times for your average game.

PS2 is also DVD compatible and compatible with Dolby Logic Surround Sound Stereo System. PS2 is also backwards compatible, which means it takes its video game library to well over a thousand games. This is a system for anyone.

Gamecube is a totally different

type of console than PS2 and Xbox. Nintendo is a company that is founded on innovation. This is obviously seen with the funky new Zelda look. Nintendo also is a giant in the industry because of their first party titles like Metroid, Zelda, Mario, Star Fox, and the rest of the old school gang. Nintendo is bringing countless old school Nintendo games like Contra and many more back to the big screen.

In other news Capcom made a breath-taking announcement regarding Nintendo. They have just given the complete Resident Evil title to Gamecube. All former Resident Evil games will be back. The monsters will all be mixed up with far better graphics and many extra areas. Gamecube is very easy to carry to your friend's house. With its beautifully small shape and design, and with even a handle on the back, it is a masterful job. Nintendo, coming back from the error of cartridges, has made small and extremely cheap minidiscs.

The Gamecube controller fits like a glove. It is perfect in its design with a built-in rumble pack and easy to reach controls. The only problem is that the x-button seems out of place. Gamecubes are cheap so it is easy to make and developers love making games for it now. You will see no lack of games for this system. The only

thing to be disappointed about is their current on-line plan. The only game Nintendo has planned for online is Phantasy Star Online. If you already have an Xbox or PS2 and want something more, this is the system for you.

All these systems have their strong points. PS2 has the most variety, Xbox the best graphics, and Nintendo the killer first party titles with good graphics and quick load times.

If you don't have any of these systems, do yourself a favor and buy a PS2 the second you are done reading this. With games like Red Faction and the Final Fantasy series, you can't go wrong. Xbox is basically a PS2 that is over priced and with lame games. Games like Halo are fantastic but that is only one. Xbox is for you if you are all about graphics. Personally if the game play is sensational the graphics don't really matter.

Gamecube on the other hand has killer graphics and killer titles coming out. If you have seen the new Resident Evil for Gamecube you will come to a harsh reality that the Gamecube has one heck of a bad side. If you already have a PS2 or Xbox and want something new and different, get a Gamecube.

Visit the splendor of Mexico

By Matt Knox '03

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to visit ancient ruins or walk on pristine beaches of crystal clear water, then St. Edward's Spring 2003 Mexico trip is for you. Over spring break, April 19-26, St. Edward Spanish teacher Ms. Guzman, will be accompanying a group of students as they tour and explore the town of Playa del Carmen, which is located along the Yucatan Peninsula. Day excursions to Telum and the marine reservation at Xel-Ha promise to be very enlightening.

Accommodations in Playa del

Carmen will be provided by native host families. This will provide students a chance to actually be present in the lives of natives and the ability to fully immerse themselves in the culture and day-to-day activities that are inherent to Mexico. Ms. Guzman feels that this type of lodging not only provides students with a safe place to stay, but also an experience that rivals what any hotel could ever provide.

Each day, there will be three hours of class time, where students can focus on the Mexican culture more acutely and converse with experts and guides

alike. The traditional classroom with desks and chairs will not be utilized for this process. The classroom becomes the ruins, the ocean, the places that textbooks were written about, become the places of learning.

Ms. Guzman feels that this trip and any other travel abroad trip is a valuable tool. "I think that studying abroad challenges you to grow in a way no other educational experience can provide. Traveling is a tremendous way to gain self-esteem, to learn, and to grow as a person."

The Mexico trip is mainly open to upper level Spanish students, but any students with knowledge of Spanish and an intense interest in going would be considered.

The cost of the trip is approximately two thousand dollars, and is all inclusive. The absolute deadline for reserving a spot on this trip is November 29. Students who are interested in going should see Ms. Guzman for further details. A link to St. Edward's custom program, complete with itinerary and plans for the trip, are available for viewing

Transfer Moore, looks to raise basketball to new heights

By Eddie Langhenry '04

Chris Moore, a transfer from Madison, has bolstered St. Ed's State Final Four basketball team. His addition, along with returning starters Samario Clancy and Trent Morgan could lead the Eagles to a state title.

Moore, who stands 6'10", averaged seventeen points and ten rebounds a game last year. His numbers earned him numerous honors, including: All-Conference, All-District, and All-County. He also earned Honorable Mention All-State. The junior provides the much needed height and rebounding the team lacked because of the graduation of Jim Kilbane and Ryan Keenan.

Moore, a promising college

recruit, came to St. Ed's to face better competition. He says, "Here [the team] expects to win, at Madison, one playoff win was great." The state championship run last year definitely made an impression on Moore. "I saw St. Ed's play at states and liked the way they played - plus, St. Ed's is a better school opportunity." Before deciding on St. Edward, Moore also looked into other schools, notably St. Ignatius. "I visited Ignatius last year, but they were full and I didn't really want to go there anyway," he said.

The basketball team, a perennial state championship contender, faces their usual rigorous schedule. Highlights include the Niagara Tournament over

Christmas break, both Ignatius games, a rematch of the District Final versus Lakewood, and a game versus Kennedy Christian, from Pennsylvania, at Gund Arena.

The varsity squad, besides Clancy, Morgan, and Moore, will contain contributions from seniors Jermaine Scott, Shaun Carney, Mike Reese, and Kevin Bringman. Juniors expected to see playing time are Ryan Marando, Josh Skettle, and John Curran.

Moore and the rest of the Eagles know that they have a chance to go down to Columbus again. Moore says, "We want to win as a team. We have talent from the one to five spot. I think with the talented

players, there is no limit to how good we can be."

The 2002 season began with road victories over St. Peter Chanel and Euclid. The Eagles made their home debut, and faced their first test on December 14 against Toledo St. John, winning 61-59.

The next run at a basketball state championship will be dependent on the passing of Morgan, scoring of Clancy, and rebounding of Moore. The talent and coaching is there, but now the players need to finish what they left in Columbus last year.

OPINION

What makes an athlete?

By Brandon Brys '04

Ath-let-ic / aTH let'ik/ adj. 1. Of athletes or athletics 2. Physically strong or agile (American Century Dictionary c. 1995)

All around the world, athletes are breaking records, achieving success, and obtaining fame. Players are being honored by catching a Hail Mary touchdown pass, making a tackle, hitting a grand slam, scoring a goal, or draining the game-winning three pointer. In order to be an athlete, one must be physically strong. So, does that rule out racecar drivers?

When asked if racecar drivers are athletes, NASCAR driver Mark Martin had this to say:

"Drive a car as fast as you're comfortable driving. Okay, now imagine driving that car faster than it will go. Every driver on the track drives his car faster than its capability. And you're in 130 degree heat, inches away from each other for four hours at speeds up to 200 miles an hour. You have a mental and physical fatigue factor that's incredible. After a race, you're physically whipped. Out of breath to the point that you can hardly talk. I spend everything I've got."

An athlete must also possess a mental capability for his sport. After all, an athlete must undergo intense pressure and hand-eye coordination. Now, we can conclude that an athlete must be physically and mentally strong in order to compete in a sport. But is that it?

In my opinion, along with having a physical and mental toughness, athletes must play their sport well. What I mean by this is that an athlete must play his sport without the distractions of fame and fortune.

Terrell Owens of the San Francisco 49ers took a pen out of his shoe

and signed the football after scoring a touchdown. This move made headlines across the country.

"Guys are beating their wives, getting DUI's and doing drugs, and I get national attention for a Sharpie?" replied Owens in ESPN magazine.

Now was this cocky on Owens's part? Maybe, but Owens brings up an excellent point. The NFL is too much of a business now. As reporters promote this action nationally, I believe Owens had no idea it would be as big as it has become.

The NFL being a business, you would think that they would increase the excitement to a higher notch with smash-mouth football...but they don't. Now, the NFL is fining players for what they call "unfair hits." In my opinion, there are no "unfair hits" in football, unless they're hits after the play, hits out of bounds, or face-masking. With the millions of dollars the NFL is paying the players, each player should be able to take a hit, whether it's helmet-to-helmet, helmet-to-neck, or helmet-to-whatever. As a fan, I think it is very hard for a player, coming in at full speed, to stop and make sure he's hitting him in the right place. Football was made to be violent.

Nowadays, it's all about the money. It doesn't matter how you play or whom you play with, just as long as someone is getting paid. Jim Thome signed with Philadelphia for \$85 million. Do you think Philadelphia was talking about how Thome led the league last year in strikeouts?

It just takes one athlete to stay loyal to his team and avoid the fortune that leads to corruption. This is what makes an athlete.



Wrestling starts season with attitude

By Bob Kuhn '04

With several new wrestlers, the Eagles started the season off strong with victories over St. Ignatius 64-6 and Kenston 55-10.

New this year are freshmen Lance Palmer and Kyle Bertin wrestling at 103 and 112 respectively. Junior Matt McDiarmid is wrestling at 119. Juniors Pat Phelan and Clayton Stark are at 125. Senior John Gubanich is at 130 and junior Jim Nemic is at 145. Junior Chuck Koz is at 152, junior Haruki Nakamura is at 171 and junior Rus Koz is at 189.

"We have a very tough schedule and I expect them to improve from week to week" said Coach Urbas.

Returning this year are seniors Ryan Lang at 135, Charlie Agazzino at 140, Tim Scarl at 160, Mat Koz at 215, and Kevin Quinn at heavyweight.

"Our strength this year is our work ethic. We have fine young men on the team who want to work hard and compete," said Coach Urbas.

"One goal we have this year is to improve each week. We would also like to

have fourteen guys go to sectionals, fourteen guys go to districts, and we would love to have all fourteen guys go to states," said Coach Urbas.

"Our major competition this year on the national level is Blair Academy from New Jersey, Great Bridges from Virginia, and St. Paris Graham from Ohio who is a division II national power," said Coach Urbas. "At the state level, Massillon Perry will give us a run for our money."

"The coaches are pleased with the

attitude and intensity of the team. The seniors like this team. They like the chemistry of the team and like that they work hard together," said Coach Urbas.

When I asked coach Urbas about the team's weakness, he said that attitude and hard work would make this issue moot and I agree because last year we had Dan Light, who succeeded by anyone's standards.